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## LETTER (In Response to Paper No. 4)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTN: Macia

Macia L. Fletcher

Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner

Technology Center 2100, Team 4

Dear Ms. Fletcher:

This Letter is in response to your facsimile communication to Pam Matheis dated August 30, 2001, in connection with the above-referenced application, wherein it was determined that an error occurred in the calculation of the claims fee at the initial filing of the application, resulting in a deficiency in the filing fee in the amount of \$1,035. It was suggested that the deficiency be charged to our Deposit Account. However, upon reviewing our deposit account statement, it was noted that we do not have sufficient funds to cover the outstanding deficiency. We are, therefore, submitting our firm check in the amount of \$1,035 to cover the outstanding balance.

We believe that all outstanding issues have now been addressed and request that the application proceed in the normal course. If, on the other hand, there are any further matters or unresolved issues that require attention, please contact the undersigned at (602)-263-9200.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9-10-01

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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, ATTN: Macia L. Fletcher, Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner, Technology Center 2100, Team 4, on September  $P^{o}$ , 2001.

Date: 9-10-01

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